

Claim Rejection 35 USC 102, 103

In accordance with the examiner's statement that she would allow claim 3 if it was formulated as an independent claim we are modifying claim 1 to include into it the limitations of claim 3 and canceling claim 3.

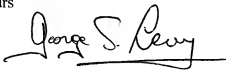
Claims 2, 4-14 which are dependent on the amended claim 1, and which are therefore narrower than claim 1, should also be allowed together with claims 15-18 which have already been allowed.

We are also requesting that your office grants a patent term adjustment to compensate for the delay in your office actions.

We are also reminding your office that a petition to make special on the basis of age is in the records.

Respectfully Yours

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